

REMARKS

In view of the above amendments, Applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Claims 1, 3, 4 and 13 are now present in this application, and claim 2 has been cancelled. Claims 5-12 have been previously cancelled. Claim 13 has been newly added. No new matter has been introduced. Claims 1 and 3 are independent. The specification has been amended to correct minor informalities. Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Information Disclosure Citation

Applicant thanks the Examiner for considering the references supplied with the Information Disclosure Statements filed on March 30, 2006, June 21, 2006, and August 1, 2006 and for providing Applicant with initialed copies of the PTO-1449 or PTO-SB08 forms filed therewith.

Drawings

Since no objection has been received, Applicant assumes that the drawings are acceptable and that no further action is necessary. Confirmation thereof in the next Office Action is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 1 and 3-4 are allowed. This application should be in condition for allowance.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Williamson (US Pat. 7,089,091). This rejection, insofar as it pertains to the presently pending claims is respectfully traversed.

While not conceding the appropriateness of the Examiner's rejection, but merely to advance prosecution of the instant application, claim 2 has been cancelled. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

New Claims

Claim 13 has been added to vary the scope of the invention. Claim 13 is dependent on allowable independent claim 3 and thus claim 13 is considered also allowable. Therefore, an indication of allowance of this claim is respectfully requested.

Cited References

Since the references cited by the Examiner have not been utilized to reject the claims, but have merely been cited to show the state of the art, no comment need be made with respect thereto.

Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all outstanding rejection. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone James T. Eller, Registration No.

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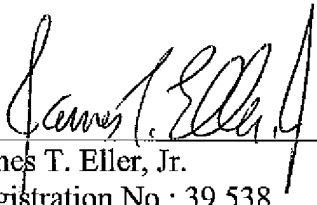
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39,538, at (703) 205-8000, in the Washington, D.C. area. Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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